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(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of: Toru SORIMACHI et al.

Application No.: 09/936,570

Filed: December 6, 2001 Art Unit: 2134

For: ENCRYPTOR, ENCRYPTING METHOD,

DECRYPTOR, DECRYPTING METHOD, AND COMPUTER READABLE RECORDING

MEDIUM HAVING PROGRAM STORED

THEREIN

Examiner: E. C. Tran

Confirmation No.: 8713

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

MS AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated April 7, 2006, finally rejecting claims 1-50, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 27 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

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Remarks/Arguments begin on page 28 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 36 of this paper.